

### DECLARATION AND PETITION

As a below named inventors, we hereby declare: that our residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to our names; that we verily believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled ENHANCING SOLUBILITY OF IRON AMINO ACID CHELATES AND IRON PROTEINATES, the specification of which is attached hereto; that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above; and that we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in § 1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

We declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Wherefore, we pray that Letters Patent be granted to us for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, and this petition.

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Signed at Clearfield, Utah, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2001.



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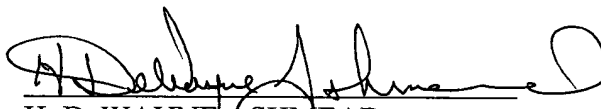
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**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

ALBION INTERNATIONAL, INC., a Nevada corporation, having a business address of 101 North Main, Clearfield, Utah 84015, is the owner of all right, title and interest in the invention entitled ENHANCING SOLUBILITY OF IRON AMINO ACID CHELATES AND IRON PROTEINATES for which an application for United States Letters patent is being filed concurrently herewith, and empowered to prosecute the U.S. and foreign applications on behalf of the inventors, hereby appoint as its attorneys and/or patent agents the law firm of THORPE NORTH & WESTERN, LLP, having a business address of 8180 South 700 East, Suite 200, Sandy, Utah 84070, and VAUGHN W. NORTH, Registration No. 27,930; M. WAYNE WESTERN, Registration No. 22,788; CLIFTON W. THOMPSON, Registration No. 36,947; GARRON M. HOBSON, Registration No. 41,073; PETER M. DE JONGE, Registration No. 47,521; WEILI CHENG, Registration No. 44,609; DAVID R. MCKINNEY, Registration No. 42,868; STEVE M. PERRY, Registration No. 45,357; GARY P. OAKESON, Registration No. 44,266; and DAVID W. OSBORNE, Registration No. 44,989, all with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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